

NAVAJO REVITALIZATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 3:20 pm

ELECTRONIC MEETING VIA ZOOM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Keith Heaton, Chairman
Herman Farley, Red Mesa Chapter,
Representing Navajo Utah Commission
Willie Grayeyes, San Juan County
Commissioner
Kenny Victor, Teecnospos Chapter President,
representing Utah Navajo Chapter Presidents

Absent

Kenneth Maryboy, San Juan County
Commissioner
Wesley Jones, Aneth Chapter President

Staff and Guests Present

Paul Moberly, DWS Program Manager
Tony Dayish, Utah Navajo Trust Fund Director
Rose Dandy, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
John Nakai, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Maury Bergman, Utah Navajo Trust Fund
Aaron Waite, Assistant Attorney General
Kevin Goldthorpe, DWS Finance
Kaylee Beck, DWS Finance Manager
Stephanie Holly, Navajo Utah Comm
Clarence Rockwell, Navajo Utah Comm
Darlene Pino, Navajo Mountain Chapter VP
Lucinda Tomchee, Teec Nos Pos Chapter

1. Welcome and Introductions [0:00]

Keith Heaton officially called the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Electronic Board meeting to order at 3:20 pm, on Thursday, February 17, 2022 via Zoom Meeting.

Chairman Heaton paraphrased the following statement:

"I, Keith Heaton, Chairman of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board, have determined that the February 17, 2022 meeting of the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board will be held electronically without an anchor location. This determination is based on the following facts:

- 1. Utah is currently dealing with COVID-19 Omicron Variant, which has been determined to be fast-spreading COVID-19 Variant is extremely contagious and can be deadly to those who contract it, especially those of advanced age and underlying health conditions.*

2. *The Agency offices of the Navajo Trust Fund are in San Juan County, which has been identified as a county with variant transmission. This designation requires the wearing of masks and strongly recommends physical distancing for those unvaccinated individuals.*

3. *A vast majority of Agency staff and the members of the Board/Commission are teleworking to avoid unnecessary contact with others.*

4. *The Board/Commission room is insufficient to allow social distancing and reasonably safe accommodation of the Commission and the public.*

5. *The Board uses an electronic platform which allows interested parties to view the meeting, hear discussions and provide written comment."*

2. Approval of Minutes [3:53]

The minutes from the October 19, 2021 Navajo Revitalization Fund Board meeting were presented.

Chair called the question.

Commissioner Willie Grayeyes made and President Kenny Victor seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the board meeting held on October 19, 2021. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

3. Fund Report [5:05]

Paul Moberly reviewed the chapter account balances, as of February 15, 2022.

CHAPTER	AVAILABLE
Aneth	\$719,776
Dennehotso	\$119,906
Mexican Water	\$40,624
Navajo Mountain	\$194,251
Oljato	\$478,626
Red Mesa	\$129,214

Teecnospos	\$135,077
Non-Chapter	\$ -
Interest	\$7,429
TOTAL	\$1,824,903

Commissioner Grayeyes asked a question if the balances reflected the new allocation transfers from the previous meeting. Chairman Heaton confirmed that the balances did reflect those transfers.

Chairman Heaton moved the board business OPMA training till after the project applications.

5. Project Applications [7:20]

5a. Expired grant renewals

Chairman Heaton asked that Mr. Moberly review the request for the board. Mr. Moberly discussed that many grants (53) had expired at the end of the year and needed to be renewed, as listed in the board packet.

Commissioner Greyeyes made and Herman Farley seconded a motion to approve the project extensions as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5b. Navajo Utah Commission – Grant 634 Renewal / Repurpose [9:28]

Chairman Heaton asked that Mr. Moberly review the request for the board. Mr. Moberly reviewed the request made by the Navajo Utah Commission to repurpose the remaining funds for the Montezuma Creek Post Office if not otherwise needed for the Aneth Powerline Extension project. Chairman Heaton invited a member of NUC to comment on the project. Clarence Rockwell, NUC Executive Director, confirmed the request as presented.

Commissioner Greyeyes made and Kenny Victor seconded a motion to approve the project extension and repurpose as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5c. Oljato – Grant 579 transfer to 585 **[12:56]**

Chairman Heaton reviewed the request and asked for clarification from Mr. Moberly.

Commissioner Greyeyes made and Herman Farley seconded a motion to approve the project extension and reallocation as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5d. Red Mesa - Grant 591 (housing assistance) - Change in Scope of Work **[14:40]**

Chairman Heaton reviewed the request to change the scope of work from Marita Tapaha to Marylene Tapaha. He requested clarification from Mr. Moberly who asked Tony Dayish, who provided clarification. Herman Farley provided a point of clarification that Marita had passed away, her home project was complete, and the remaining balance on that project was for her niece, Marylene.

Commissioner Greyeyes made and Herman Farley seconded a motion to approve the project scope of work change as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5e. Aneth - New Home - Milton Whitehorse **[17:21]**

Chairman Heaton reviewed the project request. Mr. Moberly provided clarification that the exterior of the home was mostly completed and that this is for the interior of the home.

Commissioner Greyeyes made and Herman Farley seconded a motion to approve the project as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

5f. Oljato - Oljato Chapter Administration Renovation **[19:14]**

Chairman Heaton reviewed the project request and asked a question about the lack of a match from the Navajo Trust Fund. Mr. Moberly clarified that the Navajo Trust Fund construction staff

were asked to provide labor for this project. Chairman Heaton asked the Navajo Trust Fund about the lack of a matching request. Tony Dayish confirmed the request.

Commissioner Greyeyes made and Herman Farley seconded a motion to approve the project as presented. The motion carried as approved with affirmative votes by Kenny Victor, Commissioner Grayeyes, Herman Farley, and Chairman Heaton, with Commissioner Maryboy absent.

4. Board Business [22:00]

Mr. Aaron Waite, from the Office of the Attorney General and legal counsel for the Navajo Revitalization Fund conducted the annually required Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training.

6. Board Member Issues [45:30]

6a. Proposed Meeting Schedule

Thursday, April 21st @ 1:30pm

Thursday July 21st @ 1:30pm

Thursday, October 20th @ 1:30pm

7. Adjournment [45:55]

Herman Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The NRF board meeting was officially adjourned at 4:05.

Submitted by Paul Moberly